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Subject: RE: visits

Understood. Will that same POC be able to handle non-Congressional visitors? i.e., A.G.s, media, etc.

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Agreed. I feel strongly about this as well – I think it will be critical for consistency and coordination. David G's suggestion below seems like one workable way to organize. And obviously, everyone will be key in getting engaged on different aspects/parts of the various requests and visits.

In this same vein - we're going to need to keep a comprehensive list of who has and is asking for

what. To the extent something like that already exists, it would be great to see that.

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I feel pretty strongly that the POC for congressional visits/requests need to go through OCIR and R8 RCL. We have folks on the ground in Durango with congressional experience (Nancy Grantham and Dave Kluesner) who can handle these types of requests and can route them appropriately, including consulting with David when he needs to be engaged.

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I'd suggest we discuss on our 1:00 MST call today. It may make sense for the lead POC to be on the ground in Durango, with responsibility to report out to EOC, OCIR, and others. I talked to Ostrander this morning about it, and he would be willing to take on the responsibility if we want to go that rout.

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Does it make sense for Laura/Nicole to help prioritize CODEL visits via EOC Liaison and then coordinate with UAC for logistics? It would ensure good visibility and buffer field operations from the back/forth with staff.

From: Fritz, Matthew

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Good morning everyone,

I know there are many moving pieces associated with this effort.

One aspect that will continue to wax and wane will be visits – in particular, Congressional visits.

I want to make sure we have one person assisting with any logistics associated with these visits and general awareness by most of the folks receiving this message.

Beyond the logistics – whether it is David Ostrander working with Chris on access, etc. – we all should have good visibility on what requests are coming in, what a schedule might look like, and how we might be coordinating the incoming requests. This effort requires a team effort and there are folks on this exchange that can assist what is happening on the ground if there is visibility on the incoming and schedule.

So, don't be shy about connecting with the right folks when we hear of or see something.

Thanks.